First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

April 17, 2022
10:00 am

“Resurrection Joy”
Easter Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **ERIC BANITT**

"All Creatures of Our God and King", arr. Paul A. Tate

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **TAD WYSOR**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader will introduce Roomie Greeter, **Sue Schuon**, and Zoomie greeter, **Jenn Zibbell**.
  - The Greeters will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - If you are a Roomie, please come to the pulpit/podium to make your announcement or use the handheld microphone offered by the Roomie Greeter so all can hear. Please do the same when offering a prayer request.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Children of God"
195 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP * **TAD WYSOR**

Leader: Sing the glad songs of victory; God is creating a day of newness and joy.

People: God is our strength and our song; this is the day of our salvation.

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People: The one who was rejected assures us: we are accepted and loved by God.

Leader: We are chosen by God as witnesses to good news. We will live and recount the deeds of our God.

People: God reigns! Let all nations and peoples rejoice!
In Christ, all shall be made alive!

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Christ Rose Up From the Dead"
239 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 65:17-25** **TAD WYSOR**

HYMN **"The Strife is O'er"** **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

SECOND READING **John 20:1-18** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
233 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Resurrection Joy"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

*Roomies: Please come to the pulpit/podium or use the hand-held microphone so all can hear.

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) * *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

God of empty tombs.
God of promises fulfilled; strong, impartial, accepting, loving Creator of all things.
Roll away the stones that lock us in tombs of prejudice, limited vision, and unbelief.
Help us recognize Christ in our midst,
So that we may feel your touch, hear your word, and be moved to respond.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offertory plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **ERIC BANITT**

"Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever", arr. Paul A Tate

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" 136 NCH

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild.
New life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **TAD WYSOR**

Thank you, God, for resurrection.
We rejoice in Christ as the first fruits of all you make available to us.
As you offered Christ to the world, so we would offer ourselves.
May we, along with our gifts,
testify to the good news of your forgiving love and empowering acceptance.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"The Day of Ressurrection"
242 NCH

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Spread the message: Christ is Alive!
Live the good news. Our lives are renewed!

People: We have seen and heard the good news.
We have been touched by the presence of Christ.

Leader: Share the Word: God's peace is offered to all.
Communicate the power of love. Be transformed.

People: We are saved, reconciled, and empowered.
God has chosen us to make all things new.

Leader: Announce and proclaim: God is our strength.
Rejoice in the promise: we shall triumph over death.

People: We will tell friends of our discoveries.
We will witness to God's surprising activity.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated **ERIC BANITT**

"Resurrection Medley", arr. Paul A Tate

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid (In-person & Zoom) Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Eric Banitt, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern
Tad Wysor, Worship Leader
Patty Sherwood, Roomie Greeter
Jenn Zibbell, Zoomie Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer
Wayne Burling, Technical Coordinator
Covid Health Advisor, Patty Sherwood

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers that grace our worship space remind us of new life and the coming of Spring. God is doing a new thing!!

Thank you to everyone who provided flowers and to Barbara Garland for arranging them.

Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner, Tiffanie Waldron, Sue Schuon, Wayne Burling, George Smith, Tad Wysor, Marty Kleino, Donna Eyster, Lillian Long, Patty Sherwood, Barbara Garland (In memory of John Garland), Chris Hale (In memory of Carol Laskowski & Margaret Laskowski), Margaret/Ivan Harner (In memory of Ashley and Lorraine Sayles), Liz Larrivee (*I am doing a new thing*!*)*

Congratulations to Eric Banitt: This is Eric's, our beloved talented accompanist, last Sunday at our piano!! Eric, we hate to see you leave us, but as a "sending out" faith community, we send you on with love, prayers and wonderful wishes.
Eric: You will be missed.

Hallelujah Is Forever - Eastertide Devotional: Good News!!! The UCC Stillspeaking Writers Group has written an Eastertide Devotional Series of 50 daily devotionals, from Easter and through Pentecost. Once again, they are very well done. You may pick up a copy today or if you prefer the pdf download version, sign the sheet on the table in the back of the worship space or email Margaret Harner at margaretsharner@gmail.com. She will send you your own pdf download.

Covenant Assn. Spring Meeting: Saturday, April 30, 9:00-11:30, on Zoom: We need 2 delegates and, of course, others are welcome to attend. This is a good opportunity to experience being part of the wider church. Contact Donna (deyster63@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

YFC UCC Community Lenten Discernment Gatherings

God is still speaking in this time. It is up to us to listen.

> **There will be no Community Lenten Discernment Gatherings this week due to the celebration of Easter. The gatherings on Sunday, April 17 and Tuesday, April 19 have been cancelled.**

Pastor Liz invites all to attend a series of 7-Week Community Lenten Discernment Gatherings to listen for who the Spirit is calling us to be--and the ministry we are being called to do—as we serve together in covenant relationship following the Way of Jesus.

Cliff Notes Version:

The following week's unity Discernment Gatherings are scheduled for:

- **Sunday, April 24--Sidetracks in Ypsilanti from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm** in the private dining room (near the back porch) 52 E Cross Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. https://www.sidetrackbarandgrill.com/
- **Tuesday, April 26--Zoom Only from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** using the church zoom meeting number.
- **We will be covering Chapter 4 (Pg 67-92): "Deeping Group Discernment: Seeing What God Is Up To"** from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season.*

Additional Background Information:

These Community Lenten Discernment Gatherings are being held each week. The last gathering will occur on May 10th. We will be discussing the small, but powerful book selected by the UCC MI Conference Vital Growth Mission Area Team for the recent 2022 Vitality Day attended by Pastor Liz: ***How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*** by inter-denominational faith-based consultant, coach and spiritual director Susan Beaumont.

Since adult learners have different learning styles, some folks may prefer to participate in the gatherings, but not to read the book. This is fine. The print font size in the book is small. Some folks have found the Kindle version helpful because font size can be enlarged. For those who want to read the book but find themselves crunched for time: scanning the headings, visuals, and bullet points will be helpful preparation.

Whatever individual means of preparation works best, our community discernment and learning process will be enhanced the more folks attend the gatherings each week. Folks who read and reflect on each chapter prior to attending the gatherings will enhance the depth and quality of our conversation and our community discernment process.

If you would like the church to purchase a book for you, please let Donna know and she will order a copy (deyster63@gmail.com). If you purchase the Kindle version, please let Donna know and she can reimburse you. Or, if you prefer to purchase your own book to reduce the church's annual operating expenses, please do so.

To provide as many opportunities for folks to participate in this community transforming work as possible—and realizing that compromises will always need to be made—each week Pastor Liz will host two gatherings to do this important work. Please attend the one that best fits your busy schedule. If you miss the gathering you usually attend, please attend a different gathering held that week covering the same material. If schedules allow, **Pastor Liz invites folks to attend both gatherings during the week in order to support the cross-pollination of discernment**

insights between both gatherings.

Participants are encouraged to follow their conscience in relation to their unique health risk status when deciding which gatherings to attend and whether to wear a mask. The Sunday in-person gathering includes the option to purchase food and/or beverages and share in-person friendship time.

Thank you for gifting our church with your spiritual gifts, life energy and time during this Lenten season of our lives together.

Worship next week: Donna Eyster, Worship Leader; Patty Sherwood, Room Greeter; Dan Kidder-McQuown, Zoom Greete

Thank you, Jenn Zibbell ! It is with great joy that Jenn will be preaching again next week. It is indeed a blessing, Jenn, for sharing your faith; we look forward to hearing your message.

Thanks also to Tad Wysor and Donna Eyster: Thank you is in order for both Tad and Donna. Tad will be our guest preacher on May 22nd and Donna will be bringing the message on May 29th. Thank you both for sharing you faith and gifts with us.

Next Church Council Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 6:00 pm on Zoom.

Summer Zoom Only Worship: Church Council made the decision to move to Zoom Only Sunday worship (no in-person) for the summer beginning May 29 through September 11.

Fall Hybrid Worship Kick-Off Sunday: September 18. Combined Zoom and in- person worship will resume in our sanctuary on Sunday, September 18 at 10:00 am.

Fall Pet Blessing Ceremony: September 25 at 2:00 pm: This fun family and pet friendly service will be held outdoors (weather permitting) in the park next to the church. UCC Member in Discernment (MID) and Seminary Intern, Jenn Zibbell, is team leader for this service. Please contact Jenn if you would like to help with planning and hosting. More details will be announced over the summer.

Kroger Fundraiser: Have you registered your Kroger card? We get a small check every quarter forpurchases made using your card when it's registered. It's a simple process. Go to Kroger.com and click "**Register**" and follow the prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link tothe **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83262**, or you can find our name in the drop-down list. Any Questions: contact Barbara Garland at bargarland@yahoo.comor 734-662-5803

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION

The Coalition brings together Michigan Conference UCC churches that have declared themselves to be Open and Affirming of people of all gender identities. For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open & Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Wayne Burling (734-377-0696). More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/onami). You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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Children of God

♩=116
D G D A
Child-ren of God, let's love one an-oth-er. Love is a gift, a bless-ing of God.
♩=116
5
D G D A D
Love one an-oth-er, Love--one an-other. Love is a gift of God.
9
G D A
1. Let love be more than what we say.
2. Now per-fect love re-moves all fear.
3. Let us bear wit-ness to the Light,

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13 G D Em A D/A A9

1.2.

Make it the way that we live__ each day.__ Oh, oh,
By this we know God is al - ways near.__ Oh, oh,
liv - ing in love, do - ing what__ is right.

18 A D/A A9 D G D

3.

— Oh, oh, Child-ren of God, let's love__ one an - oth - er. Love is a gift, a bless-

22 A D G D A D

-ing of God._ Love one an-oth - er, Love - - one an – other.. Love is a gift of God.__

239 Christ Rose Up from the Dead

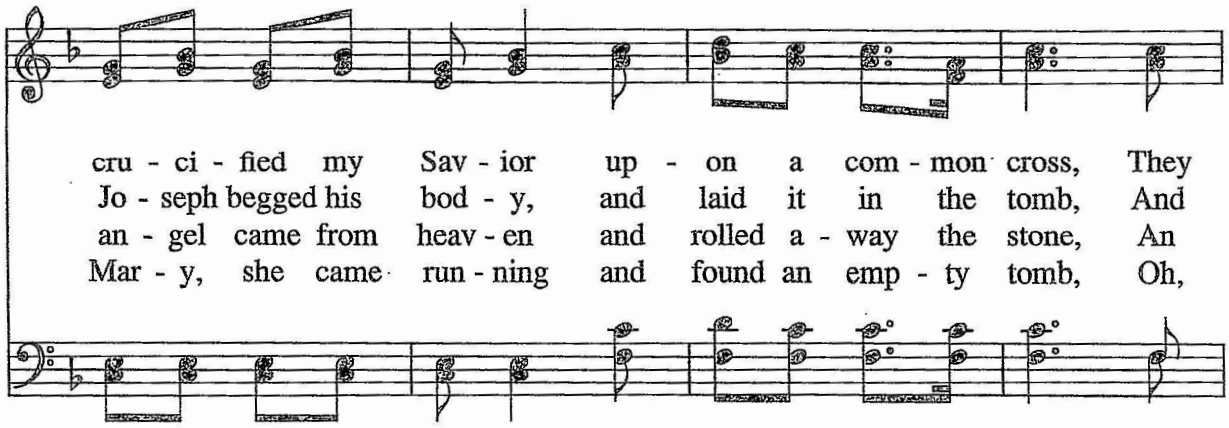
Matt. 28:2–6; John 19:16–18; 19:38–20:18

African-American traditional; alt.

Refrain
Christ rose, Christ rose, Christ rose up from the dead, Christ rose,
a - rose a - rose, a - rose,
Christ rose, Christ rose from the dead, Christ rose Christ rose,
a - rose a - rose, a - rose,
Last time, end
Christ rose up from the dead, and God's grace will bear my spir - it home.
1 They cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior up - on a com-mon cross, they
2 And Jo - seph begged his bod - y, and laid it in the tomb, and
3 An an - gel came from heav - en and rolled a - way the stone, an
4 Oh, Mar - y, she came run - ning and found an emp - ty tomb, oh,

This jubilee song, collected by K. D. Reddick and arranged by Phil V. S. Lindsley, appeared around 1918 in shape note style in a collection titled The National Jubilee Melodies, *published by the National Baptist Publishing Board.*

Tune: ASCENSIUS 7.6.7.6.7.6.9. with refrain
African-American traditional
Arr. Phil V. S. Lindsley, 20th century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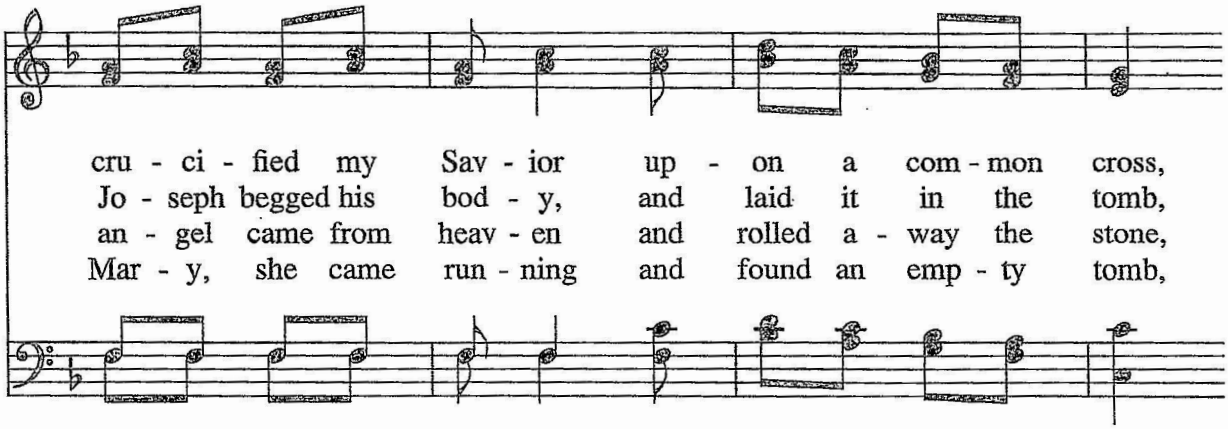
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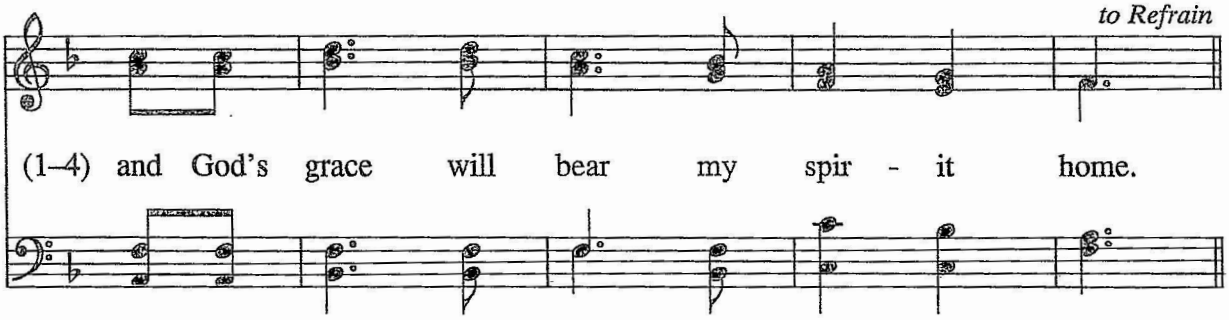

to Refrain
(1–4) and God's grace will bear my spir - it home.

242 The Strife Is O'er

1 Cor. 15:53–57

Latin, c. 1695
Transl. Francis Pott, 1861; alt.

Refrain (before st. 1 and after st. 4)
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
4 Christ, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry from death's dread
ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
le - gions has dis - persed: Let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our
sting your ser - vants free, That we may live e -
has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! to Refrain

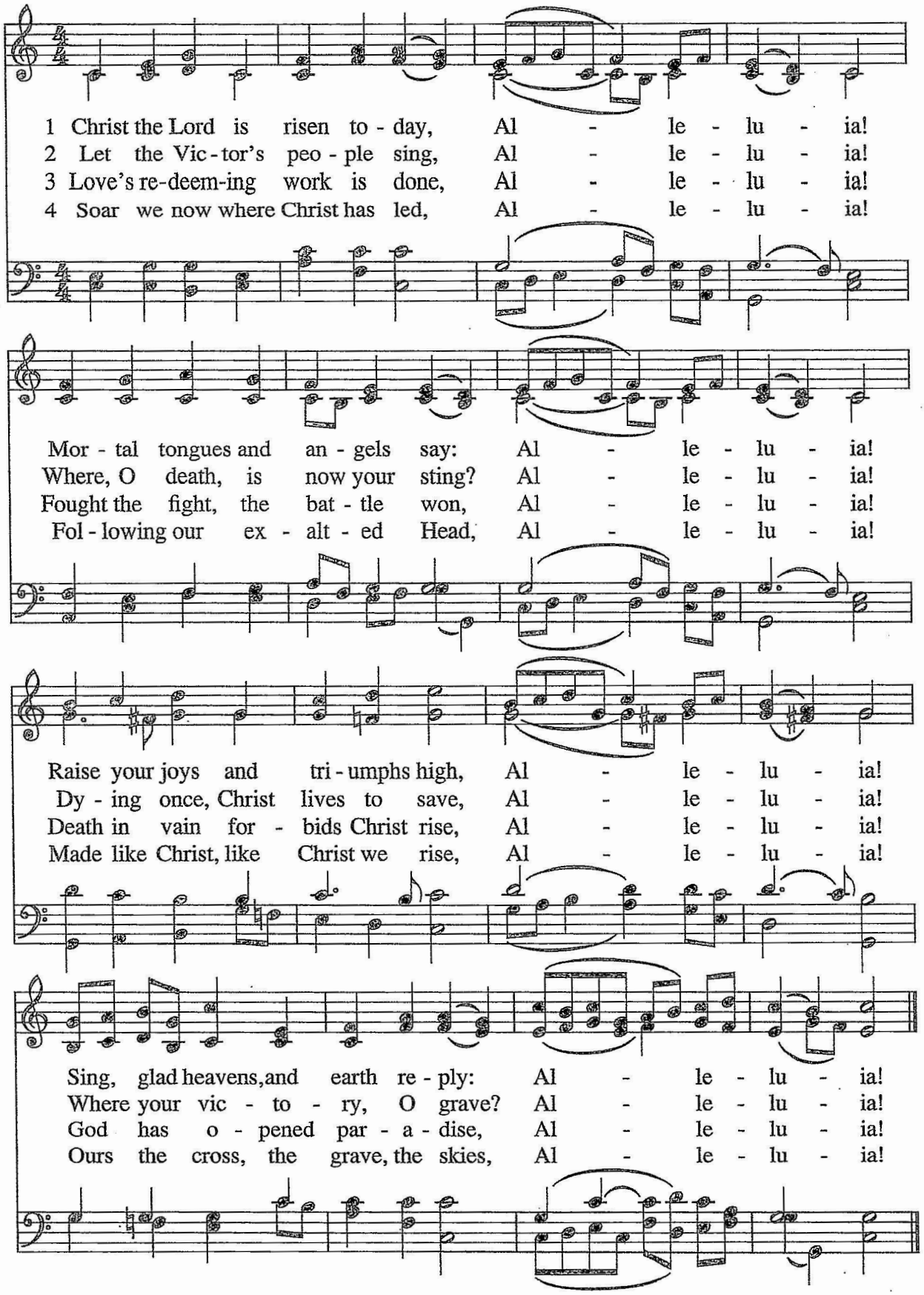
A seventeenth-century Jesuit collection published in Cologne, Germany, is the earliest known source of this Latin hymn. The hymn is firmly associated with this musical setting from a Magnificat *by the Italian composer Palestrina.*

Tune: VICTORY 8.8.8. with alleluias
Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, 1591
Arr. William H. Monk, 1861

233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5–8; 1 Cor. 15:20–22; 54–57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.


1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!
Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica *wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable.* Easter Hymn *was among the first of a new popular style.*

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
Arr. from Lyra Davidica, *London, 1708*

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1–6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon*—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.*

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836